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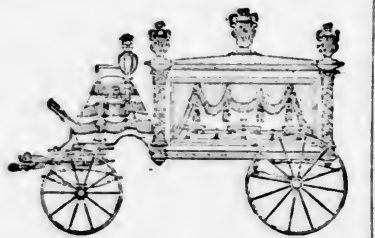
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We send out a paper today of which we are justly proud. No one, except a newspaper man, has any conception of the work it takes to get out a paper of this kind, but we hope our subscribers will appreciate it. The business men of the town, who are awake to the benefit of advertising, have taken advantage of bringing their houses before the people, and show what they are made of by the liberal amount of space they occupy. In issuing this souvenir, our aim is to give information in regard to the town which people are not familiar with, and furnish pictures and date of buildings which can be filed away for reference in after years. In laying our plans we hoped to make a few dollars out of the scheme, but, on the other hand, we will come out behind. Some of the dates given may not be exactly correct, but we have put forth every effort to get all pertaining to the history of the town. Lancaster is the best town in the state, and there would never be a cause of complaint if those making their money here would spend it with others also trying to make a living in the town. There is only one fault with us Lancaster people, and that is we are too quick to "take up" with strangers. We have a few draw backs, but then you find them everywhere. Our moneyed men, as a rule, are willing to use their cash toward helping the town, and when once properly put on foot, enterprises go through in a hurry. Fakirs come along occasionally to dispose of a few gold bricks, so to speak, but our people have had almost enough of foreign "investments" and the gold brick trade is not quite so brisk in the good old town. Taking her up on one side and down the other, Lancaster is just a little better, than any town on the map. We were born and raised here, and hope that when called upon to turn our toes to the daisies, it will be our pleasure to place our feet on the ground under a crop of that flower that is growing within the limits of the town of Lancaster, county of Garrard and state of Kentucky.

Uncle Harvey Yantis,
Was born in Lancaster on Nov. 13, 1807, being 91 years old last month, lives near old Antioch church and is in remarkably good health. He was Sheriff for many years and lodged the



first prisoner in the old jail. It was not completed and he placed the prisoner in the dungeon, put planks over the trap door, and slept on them all night.

He has 12 living children: Wm. A. Yantis, Mrs. Mary Daniel, Bolt, Yantis, Mrs. Mathias Curry, Thos. L. Yantis, Mrs. Nannie Jennings, Mrs. Jennie Martin, Samuel and James L. Yantis, Mrs. Hattie Romans, Mrs. Nellie Carson and Mrs. Carrie Davidson.

Eld. Joseph C. Frank,

Was a man who will be remembered by Lancaster people as long as anyone.



who ever lived here. His earnest work for Christianity and temperance won a warm place in the hearts of Lancaster people.

LANCASTER.

'Sketch of the town, from its Birth.

On a mild summer day in the year 1796, just twenty years later than the first settlement in Kentucky, a party of backwoodsmen, more properly speaking, pioneers, in a concise upon some felled tree at a historical spot called Watty Dunn's spring, decided to build a courthouse, the first of justice in the embryo city of Lancaster. Their leader was a young man named Paulding who had come from Pennsylvania and pre-empted the ground at this favored region. The survey was made, and the ancient log courthouse was built at the Wallace N roads. Paulding designed the town after the pattern of his home beyond the Alleghenies and named it Lancaster. The town was named "Lancaster" after Paulding's native place, and the county was called for Governor James Garrard, who was elected May 18, 1794, to succeed Isaac Shelby, first Governor of Kentucky.

The town was situated on a high table land near the center of the State. The people were intelligent, hospitable and honest. Their houses were mostly of brick, well-built and comfortable, according to the ideas of that day. At the time passed, the surrounding country was cleared of the forests, which bounded the view in every direction. We who have seen only the dwarfed and degenerate trees, which are the result of the Vandal axe, have left in the romantic region near the confluence of the Dix and Kentucky rivers, can find little conception of the Titans that once stood there in majestic groves. Large upland tracts of these wild were free from undergrowth, and their mossy paths, more beautiful and more springy to the tread than carpets of new-cut plow, were culminated by stately trunks, and arched and joined by interlacing boughs into "long-drawn" and "retted vaults," whose dimly lighted interiors were feebly illumined by the sunbeams that filtered through the shrubs and flowering vines. Exhaled varied and delicate perfumes, the woods were musical with birds in their matin song. At evening the droning of insects resounded in the woodland orchestra. In the springtime these woods were gay and brilliant. In the melancholy days of autumn the foliage put on the glories of the sunset clouds. In the winter lovely emerald tresses of white araucarias against the glowing sky, or glittered in crystal sheet with prismatic hues. Nature had painted the region with lavish hand.

The arable land of Garrard county produced crops far in excess of the home demand, and there were no accessible foreign markets, except for tobacco, which was floated down the Kentucky river in flatboats, and for hogs, horses, and mules, which were driven South by way of Cumberland Gap. Provisions were cheap and plentiful: quails and quirel abounded; deer frequented the outskirts; wild pigeons blackened the trees in season; the woods were well stored with honey, sugar and molasses. The flocks of their own flocks, flax and cotton from their own field, supplied clothing, carpets and bedding. These were spun and woven in the country. Hats and shoes were made in the town. By-and-by came David Sutton, inventor of the sickle upon the style of hat known as the "plug," and had it patented at Washington. Furniture was made in the village, and materials for building were excellent.

In those days the rich and the poor met together; the fashions were all alike, and it was said that Lancaster was a paradise for the poor. Children were left a good deal to the black mamies and other slaves, who were not slow to infect them with their own fears of ghosts, goblins and witches. Signs and omens were intermingled with the untutored kindness of these benighted creatures, and many a survivor recalls their uncanny spells.

Schools were in keeping with the primitive spirit of the age, albeit the instruction was sometimes good. Corporal punishment was rife for the smallest offense. One of the cruel, though common penalties for trivial misdemeanors, was to make an inverted V of the boy by bending him over with his fingers touching the floor. Cerebral congestion was soon the result.

Old records tell how the town suffered for want of wholesome water. It had no cisterns, no perennial springs, and but a single well. When this well became dry the water was hauled from distant springs. But for the numerous slaves this would have been a source of insufferable inconvenience. The bad quality of the water was the cause of frequent epidemics. And

the circuit large and the county seats far apart; accommodations wretched, streams unbridged and fords difficult. Mounted on his horse, enveloped in a three-piece drab overcoat with long skirts, his legs wrapped in green baize leggings, his hands encased in enormous buckskin gloves, and his feet in buffalo canvas shoes, he sallied forth in mid-winter, through slush and mire. The inevitable saddle bag always brought home presents for the folks especially when the journey was to the Court of Appeals at Frankfort, a distance of 57 miles.

The favored one who was sent to the Congress of the United States, or who for any purpose went to Washington, took the highway astride his steed, and like the travellers in the Canterbury Tales, fell in with pleasant company all along the road. Once established at the national capital the cares of wife and little ones at the far-away Kentucky home, were still uppermost in the statesman's mind. Here's an extract from a letter dated at Washington, December, 15, 1829, just eighty years ago, and sent to the family at Lancaster, Ky.: "I wish I could promise to keep you in flour, and I wish to let you have some pork. What you get of him, with what you may kill, is barely sufficient. A man by the name of Cook is to let you have one hog—and if you want her Ben Bryant will furnish you. If you should want money call on Mr. George, and if he has none, get what you want of Joe Letcher."

The little city has had its share of political and judicial stocks, turmoils, privileges and blessings. The famous "Resolutions of 1798" against the Alien and Sedition Laws, afforded to Henry Clay, then an unknown youth of twenty-one, and fresher arrival from Virginia, his first opportunity as an orator. Resistance to governmental oppression, and a renouncing out after a just independence, marked the history of the city we love, as it has controlled the progress and prosperity of the whole State. Commercial success has perched upon her banner; and on the indelible scroll of the ages is written the record of well-being in the learned professions, the liberal arts, the trades and in mechanics. In social arts Lancaster has ever been pre-eminent; and no other community of her numbers has equalled her attainments in musical proficiency. The first declamatory rally of musicians was by W. Ratel in 1844, and therefore claims the merit of considerable antiquity in the annals of our town. It was called the "Lancaster Bazaar." The instruments were clarionets, B flat bugle, A flat cornet, piccolo, flutes, French horns, trombone and ophicleide.

And now, having given as requested, a brief general history of this town I venture to express my love and veneration, my hopes, memories and ardent wishes, in the closing lines of Gante, XII of the Song of Lancaster:

"This our birthplace does us glorify,
To be heart of old Kentucky;
First a pride of our country,
To be a city of the hillside.
May she never know misfortune,
While the mountains are watching,
May her hills endure ever longer,
As the cycle brings its changes.
May the strife of human passions,
May all wrongs and diseases,
May disease and blood and pain,
Lift their baleful shadows from her,
For her children cling unto her,
Be her sons and daughters, nation,
Stand united, full divided,
And protect this old Lancaster—
This old city, our old home."

EUGENIA BUNLAT POTTS

Dr. Elias Fisher.



Who was one of Lancaster's best prominent and respected citizens. Everybody liked Dr. Fisher and his memory will long be cherished. He was a native of Lancaster, and was buried in the old cemetery.

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When a child, one thinks it is years from one Christmas until another, but when he grows up to manhood and trouble, it is remarkable how the time flits by and house rent, interest and insurance fall due. The season of merry-making and gift giving is at hand again, and everybody, big and little, rich and poor, is wondering if some kind friend will remember him. Our readers who are blessed with an abundance of this world's goods should remember, while feasting upon the fat of the land, that there are poor and needy, and without any deprivation they could make these destitute souls happy.

In making presents to your friends, give according to your means. The simplest Christmas present should carry with it the affection of an honest heart. When a sacrifice is made which must, in a measure, trespass some what upon honor and honesty, the gift is unworthy the giver. The receiver also has an important part to play: an obligation rest with him. He should receive the present with gratitude and not let his gratefulness be measured by the cost of the present. We saw a little squib the other day which very truthfully said if you fear the spirit with which a humble gift will be received, better at once and forever have nothing to do with the one you hope to favor. He or she who looks a gift horse in the mouth is worth but little as a friend. They will betray and deny with little or no provocation. They are never of the kind who are known as friends in need. The less you have to do with them the better. The thing to do is keep within your means, but leave no stone unturned in your endeavor to bring joy and happiness to others.

The Louisville dailies may laugh at their country cousins for noting the fact that Farmer Hayrick sold Farmer Haybell's sow and pigs, but if the enterprising city quilldrivers could hear the ensuing done by their readers over the thousands of columns they print about the Legion boys being again away in the trenches, they would be giving us the news. It may be true that corporal Jones came back with a bad cold, Private Smith's corn may be hurting him, and drummer Brown may have a pain under his armpit, but the country people don't care to have a fifteen or twenty page description of it sent them every day.

PRESIDENT McKinley, in a speech at Atlanta, struck a key-note when he uttered these words: "Every soldier's grave made during our unfortunate civil war is a tribute to the American valor, and the time has now come in the evolution of sentiment and feeling under the Providence of God, when in the spirit of fraternity we should share with you in the care of the graves of the Confederate soldiers."

The papers have been having much fun over a prisoner escaping from the Williamsburg jail by donning his wife's apparel. We were aware of the fact that success often rewards the wife's wearing the trousers, but this is the first time on record of the she-man ever accomplishing anything worthy of note.

At Chicago Sunday night, Bent Hobson is said to have kissed 153 women. It doubtless required more of his courage to kiss a Chicago woman than it did to sink the Merrimac. Suppose they had been Kentucky girls. Decorousness, what bliss! Wish we had a boat to sink.

The impression is growing at Washington that the peace treaty will be disposed of at the present session. It certainly can be, if some of the leather-lunged "orators" can be forced to keep quiet and not take up two-thirds of the time showing what they don't know.

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MR. JOHN M. LOGAN.

The above face is familiar in business and social circles in this and other sections of the State. He was born in Garrard county in 1852 and is the son of T. and Sarah Logan, natives of Kentucky. He is a member of the Baptist church, a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a Maccabee, to all of which he is devoted and ever ready to discharge the duties imposed upon him by those institutions.

At the age of 16 years he left his father's farm to engage in the mercantile business which has occupied his entire time to this day, having sold goods at retail in Lancaster, Flat Lick, Hustonville and Harrodsburg.



He has a large acquaintance in the South and West, having traveled in those sections for 17 years, representing wholesale houses in Cincinnati, Boston and Philadelphia.

He recently retired from the wholesale business and took charge of the Logan Dry Goods Company, which began business in this city in March 1898. Having been connected with leading wholesale houses for years, and being in close touch with them he has a thorough knowledge of manufacturing merchandise and the cost of goods at wholesale, and he is therefore fully fitted and equipped for buying for retail trade. He knows where to buy, when to buy and how to buy so as to give his customers the benefit of the lowest prices at retail. In fact he is the right man in the right place, which is being done by that company during the short time since its organization. He draws trade from Lincoln, Madison, Jessamine and Boyle counties and is still reaching out to increase his large list of customers. His idea to build up trade by selling at a small profit, for cash, has gained public favor. A large stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes and Clothing is carried, and four experienced clerks are engaged in waiting on customers.

Mr. Logan is very popular, highly intelligent and always ready to support and advocate any undertaking that has in view the general welfare.

CAPT. WM. HERNDON.

Was born in Estill county Kentucky, January 10th, 1843, the son of Elijah and Ann P. Herndon. His father was born in Winchester, Ky., and moved to Estill county where he served six



years as Sheriff, and in 1892 was elected clerk of the Estill Circuit Court, which office he also held six years. His mother was born in Cynthia, Kentucky and was a relative of President Madison.

Captain Herndon studied law in Irvine, Kentucky, under Col. S. M. Barnes, receiving his license to practice in 1868, but then entered the Revenue Service, in which he remained until 1877 when he resigned his position and engaged in the practice of law at Lancaster, Ky. In 1885 he was elected Commonwealth Attorney of the Eighth Judicial District, which office he faithfully filled for six years and was one of the ablest and most fearless advocates the State ever had. During his twenty years practice of his profession, he has developed wonderful research and learning, and now transacts much business in which he is very successful. He was city attorney of Lancaster for two years and has been attorney for the National Bank of Lancaster for a number of years.

He belonged to the 8th Ky. Infantry during the war between the States, and was a valiant soldier, being wounded at Dobyns Ferry and Stone River; but he says that he has the pleasure of knowing that he whipped Joe Wheeler at the first named place.

The Captain is a member of the Presbyterian church, of the Masonic Fraternity and of the G. A. R. He is noted for his witticisms, is eminently

social and possessed of many noble traits of character. He appreciates worth wherever it is found and does not measure the man by the dollars he has, as most men do.

Dr. I. S. Wesley.

As indicated by the illustration, is young and full of life and vigor. He is a son of Dr. J. T. Wesley and was born in Casey county, Ky., on Nov. 7, 1867. His ancestors were English and came from Virginia to this country before Kentucky was admitted as a State. They claim to be direct descendants of Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. He is a member of the Methodist church, a Mason and a Maccabee.

He attended schools in Casey county, graduated at the Graded School, in Middleburg, and entered Augusta College, where he graduated in 1885. He entered the Medical Department of the University at Louisville the following year, from which he graduated in 1889, after which he took a special course in Surgery under the famous Dr. Rodman, of Louisville. He practiced medicine at Middleburg for two years and was Surgeon for the Cincinnati and Green River Railway company, having many difficult operations to perform; took a post-graduate course at Philadelphia Polytechnic and was elected one of the Board of Censors of the Medical Chiropractic College of Philadelphia, and acted during that year.

He was organizer and founder of the Casey county and the Russell Springs Medical Societies, being secretary of the former, is an honor member of the Lincoln county Medical Society, a member of the South-Western Kentucky Medical Society, and is now president of the Central Kentucky Medical Society, the oldest and strongest Society in the State. He is quite a distinction for a man of his age.

The Doctor was married in 1891 to Miss Clyde Durham of Taylor county.



a relative of Hon. M. J. Durham, so well-known in Kentucky as a lawyer and financier, having represented this district three terms in Congress.

He moved to Lancaster last April and began the practice of medicine with bright prospects and has lately performed several difficult operations at Joseph Price Infirmary, Stanford, Ky., of which institution he is visiting physician and Surgeon. He is fully prepared for practice, being studious and devoted to his profession. He offices on Lexington avenue at the office which was occupied by the late Dr. W. S. O'Neal.

Mr. J. M. Higginbotham.

The subject of this sketch was born in Garrard county, Kentucky, Sept. 21, 1842, and is a son of William and Ellen Higginbotham. He was married in 1861 to Miss Emma Palmer. Following his honest convictions, he does in everything, he donned the gray in 1861, enlisted in Morgan's command and made a courageous soldier until the surrender.

In 1878 he was elected Sheriff of the county, being the first democrat elected after the war, the county having been under republican rule for 18 years. The portrait from which the illustration was made, was taken in that year. He made one of the best Sheriffs the county ever had for two terms, and is now serving a second as a member of the Board of City Commissioners in which capacity he always acts



for the general welfare and votes on appropriations as if the funds belonged to him.

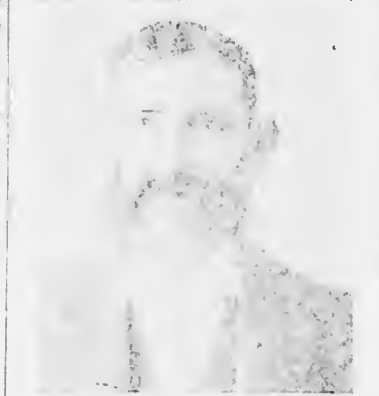
In 1882 he organized the Citizen's National Bank and has been president of that prosperous institution continuously ever since, his advice being sought in the settlement of every important question. Locating here in 1879 he became actively identified with

the business interests of the town, and in 1883 he built the largest store-room in the city, being two stories high and five feet wider than any other. This is constantly supplied with a full line of hardware, Farming implements, Field seeds, Wagons, Harness and Saddles. Any housekeeper or farmer can be supplied with any of the foregoing articles at reduced prices, as he is able to discount his own bills, for cash, and give his customer the benefit of the reduction, and for this and other reasons, he has an immense trade in every department, furnishing goods for this and adjoining counties. He claims that the Brown wagon, the Stoddard Disc Harrow, the Brown Cultivator, McCormack Binder and Mower, Hoosier drill and the Vulcan plow, are the best on the market, and the great number of sales made by him, indicate that they are excellent implements. Several clerks are constantly engaged in waiting on his customers who get goods of the best quality at the lowest market prices.

He has been successful in every enterprise and his fair dealing is the secret of his success. He is a man of prompt decision, fixed determination, inflexible resolution, good judgment and strong willpower.

MAJ. ROBT. KINNAIRD.

Was born in Garrard county, on the 12th day of January, 1848, and is, in many respects, a remarkable man. He



is a son of W. H. and Pattie McKee Kinnaird. His father is Cashier of the National Bank of Lancaster and is extensively known in financial circles. The Major is a member of the Presbyterian church, the Knights of Pythias and Masonic Fraternity, being a Knight Templar, a member of Ryan Commandery, Danville Kentucky.

He was Teller of the National Bank of Lancaster for 20 years, filling the position with high credit, honor and respect. He is a democratic, enthusiastic expansionist, has fixed convictions on all public questions and is very patriotic. He has been a leading fire insurance agent for years, representing many of the best companies, including the Aetna, the Hartford, the London Liverpool and Globe, and the Milwaukee Mechanic's, with aggregate assets of \$100,000,000.

He, also, represents the Aetna Life Insurance Company and he has written more life and fire insurance than any other agent, who has solicited insurance in this city. His honesty and fair dealing has won, for him, the confidence of the people and many, who seek insurance, call at his office and transact business.

His popularity is evinced by the fact that he is serving his second term as Mayor of the city, having been elected both times without opposition, no one being willing to make a race against him. He presides over the Board of Council with much dignity, adhering strictly to the rules governing such bodies, and being prompt and positive in his decisions. It is also, noticeable that when his vote is cast, it is always for the best interest of the people and against party operations and favors to select few. His official career has been free from corruption and he can hold the office at long as he chooses to do so.

Mr. J. C. Thompson.

At the age of 47 years, enjoys good health, and prospers in business to an extent which his energy, skill, application and fair dealing so justly merit. He is a son of N. A. Thompson, who, for years, was a well-known grocer of this city. J. C. acquired a good education and, in early life, manifested considerable mechanical genius, selecting the trade of watchmaker and jeweler, in which he became skilled and at which he has since worked.

His present place of business was established in 1872, and has more than a local reputation. He makes a specialty of fine diamonds and draws patronage from other counties in Central Kentucky. He began the battle of life, alone, 27 years ago. He is a member of the Christian church; of the Board of City Council, of the Masonic Lodge, of the I. O. O. F., K. P., the F. O. A., and the Maccabees, and his influence is felt in these institutions as well as in every honorable enterprise that engages the attention of the people.

He is one of the principal promoters of the proposed new hotel, has secured subscriptions, in stock, to the amount of \$8,000, and expects to get the required amount before the flowers bloom again. He makes a specialty of spectacles, eye glasses, watch repairing and diamond setting. He carries a large stock of watches, jewelry diamonds, sterling silver, musical in-

struments, fancy goods, books and stationery. His experience enables him to buy at figures which enable



him to sell at reasonable prices. Good taste and judgment suggest the purchase of a book, a ring, or a musical instrument for a Christmas present.

His taste, energy, method and system have enabled him to arrange his stock of goods so as to be very inviting and attractive. He has a 2,000 candle-power electric light in his store, so adjusted as to shed a mellow light on the stock, and present one of the most beautiful scenes ever witnessed. Many people gather there and express their admiration in the strongest terms.

DR. J. M. ACTON.

Another votary to the art of alleviating pain has cast his lot with us. He



was born in Pulaski county, July 6th 1866, moved to Lincoln county about six years ago and was a successful teacher for several years. He attained his literary education at Lexington Ky, where he received a diploma.

He chose the medical profession and attended the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, where he recently graduated. He lectured here about six months ago and has already received considerable encouragement. He is temperate, studious and assiduous, and proposes to forge his way into the confidence of the people and to win a share of their practice. He has already made friends here who bespeak for him a profitable career in his adopted profession. He is examiner for the Fraternal Order of America, and manifests a deep interest in that institution. His office is in the Lancaster Hotel where he can be found when not making a call.

He is quite entertaining, being frank and candid in giving his opinion or expressing his views in reference to men and matters, which are suggested in common parlance. He is a zealous democrat but does not believe that all the good in the country emanates from that party, being consistent and conservative rather than aggressive and vindictive. This Republic by this sketch, takes pleasure in introducing Dr. J. M. Acton to the public.

DR. J. B. KINNAIRD.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lancaster, Dec. 24, 1836, and is a son of Wm. H. and Pattie McKee Kin-



naird. His father is a native of Ohio, having come to Lancaster in 1824. In 1837 he entered the Deposit Bank of Lancaster, and, in 1865, organized and opened the National Bank of Lancaster, as cashier, which position he has held continuously to this date, having the distinction of being the oldest cashier in Kentucky. Pattie McKee Kinnaird is a near relative of the Letchers and McKees, so well known as orators and statesmen, in the history of Kentucky.

The Doctor was reared in Lancaster, and graduated in Centre College, Danville, Ky., in 1859. He began the stu-

dy of medicine, in his last college year, with Dr. Mays. In 1862 he graduated at Bellevue Medical College, and took post graduate courses at New York, in 1866 and 1891. He is a member of the State Medical Society, of which he was treasurer for 13 years, being also, a member of the American Medical Association and several local medical societies.

Being thus fully equipped, by the best educational advantages, possessed of superior native ability and having inherited the highest traits of character, he cast his lot in his native city, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice, in which he has been very successful. He is an elder in the Presbyterian church and labors hard to discharge his duties in that high vocation.

He is studious and energetic, doing what he does with all his power. His help and influence has aided materially in the successful termination of many enterprises in Lancaster. Being public spirited, he invested in a telephone system, which has made a waiting gallery of Lancaster and vicinity, with which the people are delighted and for which they are justly grateful. Any town would be proud of such a man and such achievements.

Several years ago he was married to Miss Fleece Cook, five bright children blessing the union. He has amassed a good share of this world's goods and is always ready to do his part where charity should be bestowed. In the social world, he is eminently affable and agreeable, and is fond of his real friends, being as true to them as the needle is to the pole.

MR. JOSEPH SHERMAN HASELDEN.

A promising young lawyer of Lancaster, Bar and member of the United States Circuit Court, over whom E. Starnes' court sits, was born at Evansville, Ky., on January 2, 1870, and is a son of J. S. and Mary Buford Haselden. His father's son actively engaged in the mercantile business, in the above named place, for 35 years, and is one of the most prominent men in that section. His mother was a native of Lincoln county, and a member of the Buford family, one of the finest and most respectable families in the country.

Our subject was a most ardent abolitionist, and is an extraordinary young man, being a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and possessing a proper conception of right and wrong in his transactions with his fellow-men. Some time ago he took the legal profession, and began the



study of law with Mr. W. I. Williams, of this city. After a course of constant study, license was granted to him and he was admitted to the bar.

He is attentive to business, studious and industrious, and his friends predict for him a lucrative practice and a highly honorable career. He is a worthy member of the Masonic Fraternity and other organizations. In the social circle he is polite, charming and has a host of friends.

Clairborne Lear.

The subject of this sketch was the youngest of four children, Charles Lear, Mr. Lear was born near Hintonville, Lincoln county, on November 25th, thirty-two years ago. He graduated his high school in 1894 and was one of the most successful in the county. Shortly after the death of his mother, he was married to his wife, Clara E. Lear, a native of this county. He is a member of the Baptist church and has had a life which makes him a man of a high character. The young man is especially fond of French Chess, as he always has a kind word for them and takes pleasure in talking to them. It makes the young man feel good to be noticed by one of these



Clairborne's age and standing. The Record joins a great many friends in wishing him good health and happiness.